

Public Health and Social Services Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: July 6, 2015, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman Jeanette Provenzano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
EXCUSED: Chairman Craig Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Donald Gregorius, Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel, Lee Cane League of Women Voters, Northeast Center for Traumatic Brain Injury; Seth Rinn Administrator, Julie Cole Director Medical Records, Annmarie Belfiglio Occupational Therapy Coordinator, Paula Kindos Carberry Director Social Work, LCSWR

Deputy Chairman Jeanette Provenzano called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 To Approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Meeting
Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Deputy Chairman Provenzano welcomed the Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury Center in Lake Katrine, and proceeded with round table introductions of committee members and guests.

Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, Lake Katrine:

Seth Rinn Facility Administrator, Julie Cole Director Medical Records, Annmarie Belfiglio Occupational Therapy Coordinator, Paula Kindos Carberry Director of Social Work

- The Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury is a special care facility in Lake Katrine. The facility serves individuals with complex needs such as brain injury, complex medical recovery and ventilator care. The center opened in 1999. Their mission being commitment to excellence and awareness of the precious value of each person's life experience, with transitional living focused on resident and family outcomes. The center takes innovative approaches to evaluating and surmounting barriers helping regain independence - to enable the residents to re-take possession of their own lives. The center is sensitive to dignity and individuality of each person, with the goal of re-entry back into the community which is the patient's right, and the centers duty.
- Annmarie Belfiglio noted the center has met with Legislator Dean Fabiano regarding the need for a pedestrian cross walk on Route 9W in Lake Katrine (a state road) to aid rehab residents of the facility as part of their "Community Access Program." They have well bodied people acclimating back into the neighborhood, as well as the community at large, who want to cross the highway to go to the mall. They use public transportation; however the ride is an hour and a half loop from the facility to the mall.

Legislator Herb Litts noted Keith Savery is the State DOT contact and provided his phone number, whereas Savery will alert the regional traffic department office to evaluate the intersection. Legislator Litts will confer with Legislator Fabiano who is working at the town level on behalf of the facility.

Legislator Allen noted the Saugerties community received federal grant monies through the "Safe Streets Advisory Committee", run through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Senator Gillibrand spoke to the change in criteria of this program back in 2014 at Cahill Elementary School. Federal money can be awarded for the sole purpose of making intersections safer for pedestrians. Saugerties has an Advisory Committee set up on the county level and they meet once a month.

- The center is the largest brain injury center in the country – nationwide referrals
- Provisions for (40) ventilator beds & 180 brain injury beds
- Patients/clients are known as "neighbors"
- Provides short term rehab
- Contract awarded for long term Veteran ventilator beds
- Focus on cognitive rehab - social interaction and therapy is a large part of program
- Huge increase in heroin overdose population at the center
- Assist patients with Medicaid filing, etc.

The Center extended an invitation to the Public Health and Social Services Committee and the full legislature to tour the facility. The facility will contact the Clerk of the Legislature with a date and time. Legislator Belfiglio will also invite the UCAN committee. Deputy Chair Provenzano thanked the Northeast Center for coming before the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION NO. 2 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 259

Text of Motion: Authorizing A Sixty (60) Day Extension For Reporting To The Ulster County Legislature The Findings And Recommendations Of The Ulster County Coalition Against Narcotics

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio noted the committee's good work.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Provenzano Allen, Belfiglio, Litts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 3 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 267

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The SUNY Albany School Of Social Welfare For The Continuation Of The Masters In Social Work Internship Program – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio provided an overview whereas this resolution authorizes an agreement with the SUNY Albany School of Social Welfare for the continuation of the Masters in Social Work Internship Program at no cost to the county. The Department of Social Services, through its Coordinated Children's Services Program, provides internship opportunities for the Master of Social Works students that benefit both the student and the department.

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators Provenzano Allen, Belfiglio, Litts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 4 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 268

Text of Motion: Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Fund A Collaboration Of Behavioral Health And Child Protective Services – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 5 Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 269

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Contract With The New York City Department Of Environmental Protection To Continue Delegation Of Administration Of Section 18-38 Of The Watershed Regulations – Department Of Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herb Litts

Discussion: Deputy Chairman Provenzano explained that this is a long term contract between the NYC DEP and the Ulster County Health Department. This resolution extends the contract to continue delegation of administration of Section 18-38 of the Watershed Regulations for the next 5 years. The Health Department reviews and approves new subsurface sewage treatment systems located in the portion of the watershed of the NYC water supply – we do the inspections and they pay us. Counsel Guerin noted a letter dated April 30, 2015 from NYC DEP Commissioner Mary Pazan stated this is a 5-year extension of the current contract commencing on June 30, 2015 through June 29, 2020 to accept the funding, and whereas a new agreement is currently being negotiated and drafted.

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 6

Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 287

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Natalie Mesa – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: This resolution is for one behavioral health clinician - Natalie Mesa to work in collaboration with the Child Protection Services Unit to assess adults with alcohol/substance abuse, and/or mental health issues. Scope of Services - see attached Schedule A.

SCHEDULE A **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

1. The Clinician shall provide services for the Department of Social Services (the "DSS"), specifically in conjunction with the Child Protective Services (the "CPS") unit.
2. The Clinician shall:
 - a. Become knowledgeable about the CPS process and requirements;
 - b. Accompany CPS caseworkers in the field to visit with identified families and/or provide direct consultation with CPS caseworkers regarding families who might benefit from behavioral health services;
 - c. Provide screening for adults and/or children to provide early identification of behavioral health needs;
 - d. Provide brief interventions to families directly in an effort to alleviate areas of concern where appropriate;
 - e. Provide clinical assessments and documentation to support the CPS process;
 - f. Use knowledge of resources within the community to provide referrals for identified children and/or adults who may need ongoing services;
 - g. Provide psychoeducation and training to parents;
 - h. Provide formal education and training to the DSS staff at least twice per year; and
 - i. Make referrals and serve as a liaison to community behavioral health services.
3. The Clinician shall provide any records, reports, documents or other information as requested by the DSS, including but not limited to a monthly report containing the following data:
 - a. Number of assessments completed by the Clinician;
 - b. Number of children and adults with a positive screen;
 - c. Number of families that received brief interventions;
 - d. Number of referrals made by the Clinician;
 - e. Number of instances of psychoeducation and training provided to parents; and
 - f. Number of education and training sessions provided to child welfare staff.
4. All records are the property of the County and shall remain at the DSS.
5. The Clinician shall participate in DSS meetings, trainings and community outreach as requested.
6. The Clinician shall hold all information related to this Agreement in trust and confidence, and shall not disclose any portion thereof, to anyone other than the County without the prior written consent of the Ulster County Attorney. The Clinician shall not use confidential information, or any portion thereof, for any purpose whatsoever except in connection with the performance of her Services under this Agreement.

Voting In Favor: Legislators, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Old Business:

- Safe Staffing Nursing Resolution: Deputy Chairman Provenzano shared in her disappointment of a Safe Staffing Nursing Resolution not being in this month's packet. Deputy Provenzano offered to write the resolution to propel the process forward and will follow up with Kimberly Lyons with the NYS Nurses Association.

New Business:

- Legislator Carl Belfiglio cited the recent Daily Freeman news article regarding the lack of staffing levels at the Golden Hill Health Care Center. Legislator Provenzano who is a member of the Golden Hill Family Council noted there are some staff issues and they are being addressed. Legislator Provenzano noted the article was not initiated by the Family Council. Committee discussion ensued to better understand the circumstances – fact finding.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Allen, and seconded by Legislator Litts, all were in favor, and Deputy Chairman Provenzano declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Dated the 27th Day of July, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on: August 3, 2015